

order of September 21, 1945, as amended, be, and it is hereby, further amended so as to require that all said non-interchange cars that may be used in transporting revenue freight and all cabooses shall be so equipped on or before December 31, 1953, and that all other said non-interchange cars shall be so equipped on or before December 31, 1954.

Order 13528 was further amended, 17 FR 8957, Oct. 7, 1952, as follows: That the order heretofore entered herein on September 21, 1945, as amended, requiring respondents to install power brakes and appliances on their cars used in freight service be, and it is hereby, further amended so as not to require the installation of such brakes and appliances on cars that are used exclusively in switching operations and are not used in train movements within the meaning of the Safety Appliance Acts (45 U. S. C., secs. 1 to 16, inclusive).

Order 13528 was further amended, 17 FR 10738, Nov. 26, 1952, as follows: That the order heretofore entered on September 21, 1945, as amended, requiring respondents to install power brakes and appliances on their cars used in interchange freight service on or before December 31, 1952, be, and it is hereby, further amended so as—

To require that all such interchange cars be so equipped on or before June 30, 1953, except as indicated hereinafter:

To prohibit the movement by any respondent after June 30, 1953, of any car interchange service, other than tank cars (including the cars of private carline companies), not so equipped except that such cars may be so moved prior to October 1, 1953, if routed to owner; and

To prohibit the movement by respondents after October 1, 1953, of any tank car in interchange service (including the tank cars of private car-line companies) not so equipped except that such tank cars may be so moved prior to January 1, 1954, if routed to owner.

That the term *interchange service* means the movement of any car that is engaged in freight service, irrespective of ownership, that is interchanged between or among two or more respondent railroads.

Order 13528 was further amended, 18 FR 6942, Nov. 3, 1953, as follows: That the order heretofore entered herein on September 21, 1945, as amended, requiring respondents to install power brakes and appliances on their cars used in freight service be, and it is hereby, further amended so as not to require the installation of such brakes and appliances on

a. Locomotives;

b. Scale test weight cars;

c. Locomotive cranes, steam shovels, pile drivers and similar construction and maintenance machines built prior to September 21, 1945;

d. Export, industrial, and other than railroad owned cars which are not to be used in service by respondents, except for movement as shipments on their own wheels to given destinations, provided that any such car so moved shall be properly identified by a card attached to each side of car, signed by shipper, stating that such movement is being made under authority of this order; and

e. Industrial and other than railroad owned cars which are not to be used in service by respondents except for movement within the limits of a single switching district.

And, that the effective date of said order of September 21, 1945, as amended, be, and it is hereby, extended until further order of the FRA, insofar as it applies to:

f. Narrow-gauge cars, and

g. Cars being returned from Canada or Mexico to owners in the United States, provided each such car being returned is routed directly to owner and is properly identified by a card attached to each side of car, signed by shipper, stating that the movement is being made under authority of this order.

[33 FR 19679, Dec. 25, 1968, as amended at 53 FR 28602, July 28, 1988]

## PART 233—SIGNAL SYSTEMS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107 and 49 CFR 1.49.

SOURCE: 49 FR 3379, Jan. 26, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

### §233.1 Scope.

This part prescribed reporting requirements with respect to methods of train operation, block signal systems, interlockings, traffic control systems, automatic train stop, train control, and cab signal systems, or other similar appliances, methods, and systems.

### §233.3 Application.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part applies to railroads that operate on standard gage track which is part of the general railroad system of transportation.

(b) This part does not apply to rail rapid transit operations conducted over track that is used exclusively for that purpose and that is not part of the general system of railroad transportation.

#### **§ 233.5 Accidents resulting from signal failure.**

Each carrier shall report within 24 hours to the Federal Railroad Administration by toll free telephone, number 800-424-0201, whenever it learns of the occurrence of an accident/incident arising from the failure of an appliance, device, method or system to function or indicate as required by part 236 of this title that results in a more favorable aspect than intended or other condition hazardous to the movement of a train.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 49 FR 3379, Jan. 26, 1984, part 233 was revised. This section contains information collection and record-keeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

#### **§ 233.7 Signal failure reports.**

Each carrier shall report within 15 days each failure of an appliance, device, method, or system to function or indicate as required by part 236 of this title that results in a more favorable aspect than intended or other condition hazardous to the movement of a train. Form FRA F6180-14, "Signal Failure Report," shall be used for this purpose and completed in accordance with instructions printed on the form.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 2130-0007)

#### **§ 233.9 Reports.**

Not later than April 1, 1997 and every 5 years thereafter, each carrier shall file with FRA a signal system status report "Signal System Five-year Report" on a form to be provided by FRA in accordance with instructions and definitions provided on the report.

[61 FR 33872, July 1, 1996]

#### **§ 233.11 Civil penalties.**

Any person (an entity of any type covered under 1 U.S.C. 1, including but not limited to the following: a railroad; a manager, supervisor, official, or

other employee or agent of a railroad; any owner, manufacturer, lessor, or lessee of railroad equipment, track, or facilities; any independent contractor providing goods or services to a railroad; and any employee of such owner, manufacturer, lessor, lessee, or independent contractor) who violates any requirement of this part or causes the violation of any such requirement is subject to a civil penalty of at least \$500 and not more than \$11,000 per violation, except that: Penalties may be assessed against individuals only for willful violations, and, where a grossly negligent violation or a pattern of repeated violations has created an imminent hazard of death or injury to persons, or has caused death or injury, a penalty not to exceed \$22,000 per violation may be assessed. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. See appendix A to this part for a statement of agency civil penalty policy.

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#### **§ 233.13 Criminal penalty.**

Whoever knowingly and willfully—

(a) Makes, causes to be made, or participates in the making of a false entry in reports required to be filed by this part; or

(b) Files a false report or other document required to be filed by this part is subject to a \$5,000 fine and 2 years imprisonment as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. 522(a) and section 209(e) of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970, as amended (45 U.S.C. 438(e)).

#### **APPENDIX A TO PART 233—SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES<sup>1</sup>**

Section	Violation	Willful violation
233.5 Accidents resulting from signal failure .....	\$2,500	\$5,000
233.7 Signal failure reports .....	5,000	7,500
233.9 Annual reports .....	1,000	2,000

<sup>1</sup>A penalty may be assessed against an individual only for a willful violation. The Administrator reserves the right to assess a penalty of up to \$22,000 for any violation where circumstances warrant. See 49 CFR part 209, appendix A.

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